

SUFFOLK-NANSEMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 1255

Suffolk, Virginia 23434

Vol. 1 No. 6

November 1968

MEETING The November meeting of the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society will be held November 26, 1968 at 8:00 P. M., in the Municipal Court Room of the Municipal Building.

The guest speaker will be Mr. James R. Coates of Norfolk. Mr. Coates is an assistant secretary of the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation. He is an expert on the Indians of this area. Mr. Coates will demonstrate the art of chipping an arrow head for the members of the Society. Please plan to attend the meeting and support your Society.

BELLS The State Bell History Chairman for the Virginia History Federation would like to hear from people interested in old bells of the area. Field trips are planned to take pictures, make recordings, and to make rubbings of the interesting inscriptions. Interested persons are ask to write to: State Bell History Chairman, 151 Louisiana Drive, Norfolk, Virginia 23505.

BOOKS The Publication Committee would like to remind everyone who has not turned in the money for their books to please do so at the next meeting. If you have not sold all of your books, now is a good time to do so, as they would make fine Christmas gifts. If you need more books, please call Mrs. Harrell Pratt and she will see that you get the books you need.

WHY A HISTORICAL SOCIETY? The heritage of Suffolk is a valuable asset, and is a matter of pride to our residents and an inducement for others to visit and live in Suffolk. We must act now to save our links with the past for generations to come. By saving the priceless evidence of years gone by we will give the present and the future their values to live by.

FROM SUFFOLK AND VICINITY- Raiding parties, says the Christian Sun, are going out in every direction from Suffolk, robbing the farmers of horses, provisions, etc. Butler has issued orders to have all the horses taken in Nansemond, Isle of Wight, and Gates County, N. C. so as to prevent the making of crops. A party came into Suffolk last Friday with 114 horses and mules taken from their owners. Another party was at Chuckatuck, and captured Dr. William T. Jordan of the Signal Corps, and a citizen, carrying them off. Great distress and consternation pervades the whole section of the country now given up to the ravages of the cruel enemy. (From Hillsborough, N. C. Recorder, Wed. June 22, 1864, Pg. 2)

POSTMASTERS OF SUFFOLK

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| John Driver | Appointed | 8-27-1792 |
| Josiah Reddick | " | 1-1-1798 |
| Charles Hawkeye | " | 1-1-1799 |
| Archibald Richardson | " | 7-1-1800 |
| Arthur Smith | " | 5-12-1804 |
| Kedar Hill | " | 5-16-1844 |
| Jesse Perry | " | 5-18-1849 |
| Joseph G. Cowper | " | 5-27-1853 |
| Mrs. Narcissus S. Cowper | " | 10-29-1860 |
| George W. Singleton | " | 10-4-1865 |
| Calvin L. Gardner | " | 1-22-1873 |
| Benjamin B. Dumville | " | 9-28-1876 |
| Thomas H. Hines | " | 1-31-1882 |
| Mrs. Florine A. Hines | " | 1-13-1885 |
| George L. Borum | " | 3-26-1889 |
| Exum B. Britt | " | 4-11-1893 |
| Luzern P. Harper | " | 6-17-1897 |

Edited by H. R. Gray, Jr.

Assisted by Marion J. Watson